

<div> <div>September</div> <div>2006</div> </div>		<div> <div>Bureau of Land Management</div> <div>National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center</div> <div>Baker City, Oregon</div> <div>541-523-1843 ~ oregontrail.blm.gov</div> <div>Open Daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. PDT</div> </div>					
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<div> <div>Flagstaff Gallery Exhibit</div> <div>"Ezra Meeker: 70 Years on the Oregon Trail"</div> <div> Ezra Meeker first traveled the Oregon Trail in 1852. In 1906, to promote preservation of the Oregon Trail, he retraced his route from west to east via ox-drawn wagon. Meeker installed commemorative trail markers, produced booklets & postcards, wrote newspaper & magazine articles and lectured. He drew enough attention and public support that Congress appropriated funds for trail preservation. On later trips Meeker retraced portions of the Oregon Trail in a custom-built automobile & in an open cockpit airplane. Recognized as the <i>Champion of the Oregon Trail</i>, his unwavering dedication set in motion efforts to preserve the trail that continues today. </div> </div>
Programs are subject to change, Please call 541-523-1843 for further information					1 Bullwhackin' Kass & Her Oxen 10:00-2:00 Phil & VivianWilliams 11:00 & 2:00	2 <u>Wagon Encampment</u> Bullwhackin' Kass & Oxen 10:00-2:00 Phil & VivianWilliams 11:00 & 2:00	
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10 Videos	11 Videos	12 Videos	13 Videos	14 Videos	15 Michael Terry "Plains Indians" 10:00 – 4:00	16 Michael Terry "Plains Indians" 10:00 – 4:00	
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<u>Program Descriptions</u>		
LABOR DAY WEEKEND WAGON ENCAMPMENT	Join in three days of fun at our Wagon Encampment where you will see a group of pioneers resting on the Oregon Trail, and observe Bullwhackin' Kass with her team of oxen! Taste buffalo stew cooked Dutch Oven Style over a campfire. See living history interpreters demonstrate crafts and skills, black powder shooting, buck skinning, quilting and sewing. Try your luck panning for gold, listen to some music, and play with pioneer toys and games.	
Living History	Eastern Oregon University Theater performers give dramatic interpretive presentations taken from pioneer diaries and journals.	
Phil & Vivian Williams	Phil & Vivian Williams have researched in pioneer journals and diaries for dance music played on the Oregon Trail and in early communities in the Oregon Territory. They perform on modern acoustic instruments and traditional instruments of that era, including a mid-1800's guitar, mandolin and gut-strung fretless banjo.	
"Plains Indians"	Michael Terry, an American Indian historian, demonstrates and discusses the way of life, traditions, weapons, tools, dress and equipment of the Great Plains Indian tribes. He makes all his props in the traditional ways of the Native Americans and shares this information with his audiences. This interactive program is fascinating and educational for adults and children alike.	
Starry Night	This evening of viewing the stars, planets, and galaxies begins with a film on astronomy in the Leo Adler Theater at 5:00 pm, followed by a presentation on preserving the night skies and the Solar System. As the sky darkens, astronomers and telescopes will be on site for stargazing. Bring the kids, see the same stars and planets that the Pioneers saw, and enjoy the magic of the September night sky.	

September weather is perfect for hiking the trails at Flagstaff Hill. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center has a 4.2 mile trail system and leads visitors to a series of viewpoints and historic sites. Visible from the trails are remnants of the historic Flagstaff Mine, the outdoor Lode Mine Exhibit and gold panning demonstration area, panoramas of the Blue Mountains and Wallowa Mountains, and the historic route of the Oregon Trail across Virtue Flat and Baker Valley. In 1843 emigrants sent a wagon and team ahead to break down the sagebrush on Virtue Flat. Over time the dusty earth on the flat gained the distinct imprint of several sets of parallel ruts, the traces of thousands of wagon wheels and animal hooves carrying the goods of the pioneers to the Pacific Northwest. Oregon Trail ruts resemble a swale of slightly packed earth. For those short on time, the Ruts Access trail starting from Highway 86 offers a quick and easy way to view the ruts. A traffic pullout just west of the Interpretive Center entrance has information about backward migrations on the Oregon Trail during the gold rush era, as well as information on how to identify and preserve historic ruts. A 180 foot long, level surfaced trail takes visitors to an observation point adjacent to the ruts, and is particularly useful for visitors with physical limitations or time limitations that may prevent them from taking the longer interpretive trails. Along the Trail Ruts Loop at the base of the hill, you will also see a small granite marker erected by Ezra Meeker in 1906. BLM carsonite markers and concrete obelisks are also present; part of a program throughout the American West to preserve and mark historic trails and wagon roads. Call 541-523-1843 or check our website oregontrail.blm.gov for more information on hiking trails at Flagstaff Hill.